IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:

Teiichirou Chiba et al.

Serial No.: 09/492,761

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR WAFER



Examiner: C. Chu

Group Art Unit: 2815

NOTICE OF APPEAL

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

July 22, 2002

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the examiner's decision in the final Office action mailed February 21, 2002, rejecting Claims 1-9. The final Office action set forth a three-month period for response, and a petition for a two-month extension of time is filed together herewith, making this notice of appeal due on or before February 21, 2002. Since February 21, 2002, was a Sunday, this notice of appeal can be timely filed the following business day, namely, Monday February 22, 2002

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> In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicant hereby petitions for an appropriate extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee therefor, as well as any deficiency in the payment of the required fee(s) or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 22-0256.

> > Respectfully submitted, VARNDELL & VARNDELL, PLLC (Formerly Varndell Legal Group)

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